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7. (Internal Use Only - JMM) Mr. Kenneth BeLieu, Senate Liaison for the White House, returned my earlier call and I told him of our activities in connection with the Ervin bill (S. 782). I mentioned the fact that Messrs. Hampton and Modello, of the Civil Service Commission, shared our concern, that Mr. Houston and I were hoping to see Senator Ervin in the next few days, and I would also be seeing Representative Henderson. Mr. BeLieu said he would like to hear from us further after we talked to Senator Ervin. 25X1C



9. (Unclassified - JMM) Mrs. Roberts, on the staff of Chairman David N. Henderson, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, called to say that the Chairman could see me at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, 21 February.

10. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. J.R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and provided a copy of a blind memorandum entitled, "The Changing Strategic Naval Balance, USSR vs US." Mr. Blandford was most appreciative and indicated that it would be included in the Sea Power Subcommittee reference file for their guidance.

Mr. Blandford advised that he is working with the Chairman during the day on the organization of the various special subcommittees and that the CIA Subcommittee, in all probability, will continue as it was constituted for the brief hearing on the Pueblo on January 6.

Mr. Blandford was very interested in, and personally in accord with the Agency determination that Agency documents, such as the NIS's, not be furnished to committees of Congress. He also indicated his appreciation for being advised of this determination since there is the ready possibility that such a question would come to the attention of the Chairman. See Journal item of 12 February 1969.

I briefed Mr. Blandford on East German travel restrictions to Berlin, the Soviet collective leadership question, a limited Soviet ground forces demobilization, anticipated Soviet space activities and present assessment of

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11. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Representative William Bray and advised him that the Agency recruiters would be returning to the University of Indiana the end of this month for off-campus interviews. Mr. Bray thanked me for keeping him advised as he had requested.

Mr. Bray advised that he is tentatively planning a trip to Mongolia during the congressional summer recess and hopes to visit the North China Wall if permission can be obtained from the Soviet Union. He noted he has received somewhat informal approval for the basic travel to Mongolia and is looking forward to the trip.

12. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, who advised that the Chairman has designated the members of the various Appropriations Subcommittees. As has been Mr. Mahon's policy in the past, the CIA Subcommittee is not listed.

I briefed Mr. Michaels concerning anticipated Soviet space activities and a limited Soviet ground force demobilization.

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13. (Secret - JGO) Met with Representative William Bates in response to his earlier request and updated the information provided concerning [redacted] weapons. I also briefed Representative Bates on East German travel restrictions to Berlin, the Soviet collective leadership question, a limited Soviet ground forces demobilization, anticipated Soviet space activities and present assessment of [redacted]

In conversation with Representative Bates, he noted in passing that a special subcommittee is being designated by the Chairman to hear the Pueblo matter. Hearings may be scheduled to start in the immediate future.

14. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Senator Jack Miller (R., Iowa) and provided the information requested by him concerning selective service deferment extension [redacted] See Memorandum for the Record.

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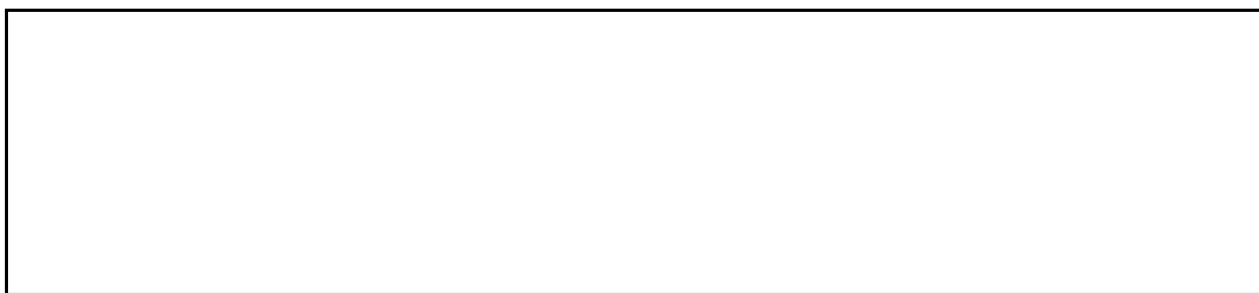
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2. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed in some detail an understanding of Committee members' reactions to various congressional and travel activities of congressional factfinding missions. Mr. Slatinshek was candid in his personal opinion that these are areas that the Agency would be well to avoid except through established Subcommittee channels. I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on press reactions and claims of intelligence activities of [redacted] assessment of East German harassment of Berlin traffic; Soviet leadership situation; and evidence of Soviet demobilization since withdrawal of forces from Czechoslovakia.

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4. (Internal Use Only - CD) Received a call from Miss King, in the office of Representative Gus Yatron (D., Pa.), who requested an employment interview for [redacted] After checking with [redacted] Office of Personnel, I advised Miss King that an appointment has been scheduled for Tuesday, 25 February at 1:30.

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9. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and reviewed some of the details of yesterday's briefing. He again remarked about the enjoyment of meeting with our people and noted that he is confident that the various legislative considerations can be worked out without undue difficulty. I briefed him concerning Communist intent to launch a series of attacks throughout South Vietnam in connection with the Tet holiday period; [redacted] and, a recent movement of the Soviet fighter regiment to the Manchurian border area.

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10. (Confidential - GLC) By way of follow-up to the conversation with [redacted] I talked with Albert A. (Peter) Lakeland, on the staff of Senator Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.), about a meeting between the Director and Senator Javits on Monday at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to brief the Senator on the Middle East situation. Mr. Lakeland said he had not talked directly with the Senator about this meeting but expected to be talking with him tomorrow. At that time he will attempt to determine the specific areas of the Senator's interest and will let us know. He saw no objection to the Director bringing a Middle East expert with him and added that he would also like to attend the briefing.

Lakeland said he was not aware of any specific plan on the Senator's part to travel to the Middle East, although, he has seriously been considering such a trip with Senator John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.) for some time. He pointed out that, since Senator Cooper was sympathetic to the Arabs and Senator Javits was sympathetic to the Israelis, they thought it might be useful for the two of them to travel to the Middle East together in view of their close friendship for one another. They feel any recommendations they might make following such a trip may be useful to the President particularly if they can agree on some common ground for a possible solution to the Middle East crisis. Senators Javits and Cooper have apparently discussed the possibility of such a trip with President Nixon. Lakeland said he would be back in touch with us after he had an opportunity to determine from Senator Javits what his precise area of interest is regarding the Middle East.

11. (Unclassified - GLC) Hand carried to Majority Leader Mike Mansfield's office an FBIS item containing a Moscow broadcast relating to Senator Mansfield's position on the problem of hijacking of aircraft to Cuba.

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